(b) Based on the Demand Projections for the Tenth Five Year Plan prepared by a working groups of the Planning Commission using normative approach, total consumption of pulses during the year 2006-07 is likely to be 17.71 million tonnes.

(c) A Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize is under implementation with effect from 01.04.2004 for increasing production and productivity of pulses in 14 States of the Country. Under the scheme financial assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation seeds, distribution of seed minikits, infrastructure development, block demonstrations, on improved technology, integrated pest management, weedicides, distribution of sprinkler sets, farmers training for increasing production and productivity of pulses.

IOTC meetings

1195. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when the next meeting of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission is scheduled where India has to be represented;

(b) the details of any agenda for discussion from the Indian side;

(c) what would be the level of representation at the scheduled meeting;

(d) whether Government would upgrade the usual level of representation to attend IOTC mettings; and

(e) the stpes proposed to properly project demands of Indian industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) The next meeting of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) is scheduled to be held during the middle of May, 2007 in Mauritius. There is no separate agenda proposed from the Indian side for this meeting.

(c) and (d) Representation from Government for the IOTC meetings at appropriate levels is decided from time to time depending upon the nature of the issues to be discussed.

(e) A Working Group has been constituted in the Ministry which has representatives from the fishing industry also for monitoring and review of the implementation of various IOTC resolutions for suggesting appropriate conservation and management measures in tune with the objectives of IOTC.

Production of pulses

†1196. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per acre average production of pulses like Urad, Arhar, Chhola, Masoor and Moth during the pre-green revolution era and at present, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that getting more yield from wheat was remained under focus during the whole green revolution era and development work in the field of pulses remained neglected;

(c) the present schemes for development work in the fields of pulses; and

(d) whether it would be possible to get pulse production at par with the international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The State-wise per acre average production of various pulses during pre-green revolution era (1963-64 and 1964-65) and at present (during 2005-06 and 2006-07) are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(b) It is true that more emphasis was laid on increasing wheat production during green revolution period due to introduction of high yielding varieties, expansion of area under irrigation, increase in wheat production was considered the need at that time to ensure self sufficiency in cereals. But the research programmes in pulses (on Chickpea, Pigeonpea, Legumes etc.) project were also going on.

(c) A Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize is under implementation with effect from 01.04.2004 for increasing production and productivity of pulses in 14 States of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.